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 Gautron, Holley, Keller, Reges*
 *-standbys called this issue
 game openings: not at the moment

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A few people are getting this issue for free, since I don't want to charge players for issues when their game is delayed for my fault. That applies to recent delays in SURFING BIRD, BOP TIL YOU DROP, and BLUE ANGEL, and those players will not be charged for this issue.

85U AMERICAN DREAM SPRING 1916

winter: ENG bld A LON, A EDI; FRA nar, F bre r OTB,
 GM rem F naf, F wes; TUR bld F SHY.
 ENGLAND(Givan): A lon-BEL(C F ENG, S F PIC); A edi-YOR;
 A lvn-BER(C F BAL); F bre-MID; F nth-NWY; F ber-PRU;
 A KIE S A mun; F bel-NTH; A MUN & A MAR & F STP/SC H.
 FRANCE(Mallia): NMR, A BUR; A POR; F LYD.
 TURKEY(K Brown): F smy-EAS; A vie-TRI; A nap-ROM; A PIE-mar;
 F GRE & F AEG S F ion; F TUN S F tys; F rom-TUS(S F TYS);
 A TYO-mun; F ION S F tun; F adr-APU; A gal-SIL(S A BOH);
 A WAR & A MOS MS; A bul-RUM.

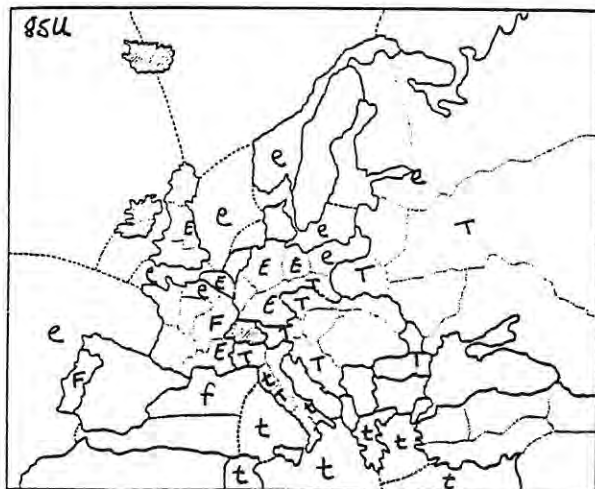
FALL 1916 is due February 23. A concession to Turkey is proposed, not voting is no. Would ~~GOSSOP~~ please standby for France.

press

ENG-TUR: Better not give me too many more chances. Those nightmares can come true, you know.

TURKEY-FRANCE: Changed your mind, eh? I think it may be too late now.

ENG-FRA: We can still stop him from getting a win. It only takes a little cooperation. He'll give up a 3-way before long.



86CD SURFING BIRD WINTER 1905

AUSTRIA(Pierce): A rum r BUL. Also has A GRE; A SER.
 ENGLAND(Keller): Bld F EDI. Also has F SWE; F NWY; F BAR;
 A KIE; F HEL.
 FRANCE(Drane): Even. Has F TUS; A PIE; F ION; F TYS; A SIL;
 A MUN; A RUH; A BEL.
 GERMANY(Gautron): Even. A BER.
 ITALY(Atkins): NMR, plays one short. Has F NAP; A VEN;
 A TRI.
 RUSSIA(Russ): Bld A WAR; F SEV. Also has A STP; A FIN;
 A RUM; A BUD; F BAL; F DEN; A TYO; F SHY; F CON.

Spring 1906 is due February 23. Seasons were separated by request. Players were notified of two errors. First, I failed to give Russia credit for taking BUD from Austria. Second, Matt Johnston could not standby in this game as he is a former player. Claude Gautron was called in his place, and takes over the German position. Would ~~GOSSOP~~ please standby for Italy.

press

RUS-ENG: Nice (lucky?) move into Sweden.

RUS-ALL: Can anyone explain Turkey's fall moves to me? Pretty damn strange.

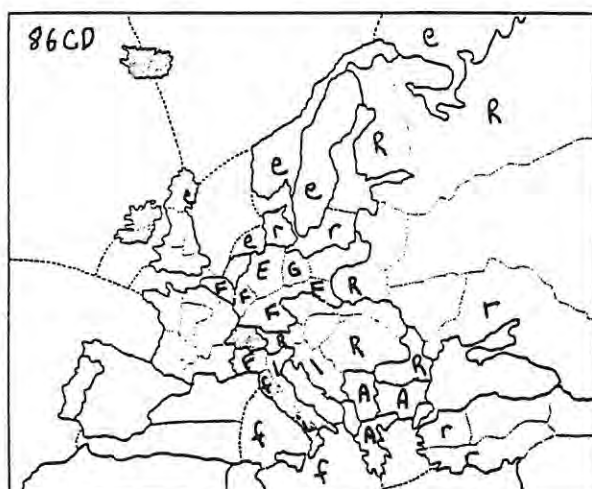
86CZ BOP TIL YOU DROP MENSA 23 SPRING 1905

AUSTRIA(Cheek): A tri-TYO; A bud-VIE; A vie-BOH;
 A boh-SIL(S A MUN); A war-PRU; A rum-GAL; A sev-MOS;
 A bul-RUM; F aeg-GRE; A mos-WAR.
 ENGLAND(Beaumont): F edi-CLY; F nwy-STP/NC;
 F ska-DEN(S F SWE); F nth-HOL(S A BEL).
 FRANCE(Coufal RESIGNS): NMR. F MID; A mar(d...); A GAS;
 A SPA; A PIC.
 GERMANY(Samuelson?): NMR. A RUH; A hol(d...); F den(d...);
 A BER.
 ITALY(Dousette): F nap-TYS; F NAF H; A ANK H; F con-AEG;
 A pie-MAR(S F LYD); A tus h(NSU); A VEN H.
 RUSSIA(Reges): F nwg-EDI.

FALL 1905 is due February 23. Possible retreats: FRA A mar to bur; GER A hol to kie, F den to nth, kie, hel, bal. David Coufal has resigned without final orders. Would JOHN BARNES, 444 Lora Ave, Youngstown OH 44504 please take over for France. Donald Samuelson has agreed to take the German position, but did not send orders. Would BILL YOUNG, 200 E Schuykill Ln #1-6, Pottstown PA 19464 please standby for Germany. (Please note I use the Mensa Diplomacy SIG standby list for this game.)

press

ON THE HIGH SEA: Muscovites on holiday. Hey, we are are going to get blown out, we may as well annoy the opposition. Scotland, here we come!!



87AS BLUE ANGEL FALL 1903

AUSTRIA(Greier): A tyo-VEN(S A TRI); A GAL \$ tur A war;
 A sil \$ tur A war(d...); F ion-NAP; A APU-rom.
 ENGLAND(Mallia): F NTH S ger A hol-bel; A fin-STP(S F NWY);
 F ska-SWE.
 FRANCE(Schmisser): F por-SPA/SC(S A GAS);
 A PIC-bel(S A BUR).
 GERMANY(Bakken): A ber-SIL(S A MUN); A hol-BEL(S A RUH);
 F-DEN S eng F ska-swe.
 ITALY(Casey): A ven-rom(d...); F wes-TYS; F spa/sc-WES;
 A mar-PIE; A pie-TYO.
 RUSSIA(Oaklyn): A ukr-gal(d...); A mos-LVN; A lvn-PRU;
 F stp/nc-nwy(d...); F swe-BOT.
 TURKEY(Albrecht): A rum-UKR(S A SEV & A WAR); F BLA S A sev;
 F aeg-ION.

1903 SUPPLY CENTERS

A home gre ser ven	6 even
E home nwy STP SWE	6 bld 2
F par bre (bel) por SPA	4 even
G home hol den BEL	6 bld 1
I rom (nap) tun (spa) mar	3 rem 2
R mos (war) (sev) (stp) (swe)	1 rem 4
T home bul rum NAP WAR SEV	8 bld 3

\$-has a retreat

WINTER 1903 and SPRING 1904 are due February 23. Possible retreats: AUS A sil to boh; RUS A ukr to mos, F stp/nc to bar.

press

AUSTRIA-ITALY: I spent considerable time considering your alternatives. I sure hope that you also spent time considering the cosequences of what I consider a pivotal season. Considerably.

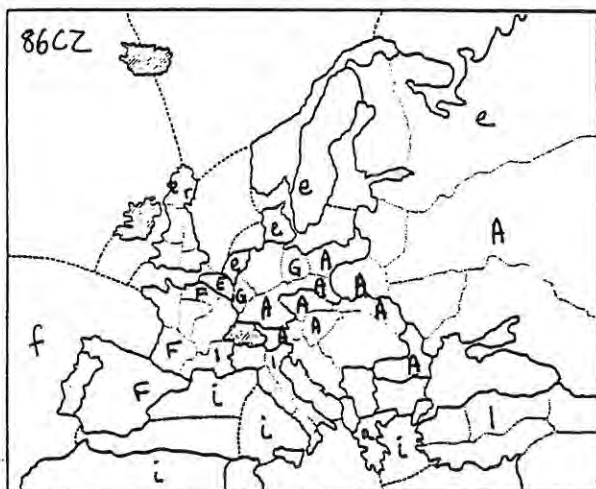
MUNICH: Okay, so who did I piss off this time? Please, put your winkle dink back in your pants and bear with me for awhile. I'm in a lousy situation and I've got a lousy attitude to boot.

AUSTRIA-GM: You are considering moving from Minneapolis where you have the World Champion Baseball team, to Phoenix where they have the SUNS! Man, get your priorities straight!

87II THE LITTLE SISTER WINTER 1901

AUSTRIA(Brown) Bld A BUD. Also has F ALB; A GAL; A SER.
 ENGLAND(Chen) Bld F EDI, F LON. Also has F NWY; A BEL;
 F NTH.
 FRANCE(Englehardt?) NMR, plays two short. Has F POR; A BUR;
 A SPA.
 GERMANY(Haworth) Bld F KIE, F BER. Also has A HOL; A RUH;
 F DEN.
 ITALY(Pinelli) Bld F NAP. Also has A TUN; F ION; A PIE.
 RUSSIA(Holley) Bld A MOS, A WAR. Also has F SWE; A RUM;
 F SEV; A UKR.
 TURKEY(Greger) Bld F SMY. Also has F AEG; A BUL; A CON.

SPRING 1902 is due February 23. Would MARC PETERS please standby for FRANCE. No press.



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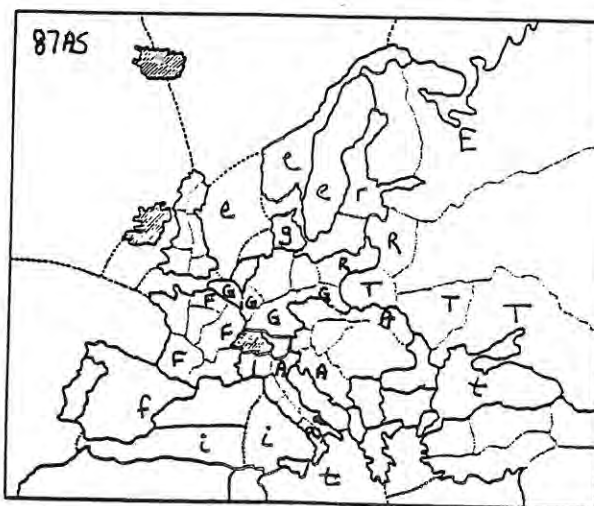
85HG BAHNHOF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE SPRING 1906

ENGLAND(Gautron) A nwy-FIN; F nth-NWY; F nwy-BAR; F den-BAL;
 A HOL \$ ger A ruh-kie(NSO); F HEL-den; F ENG H.
 FRANCE(Jacobs) A bur-RUH(S A BEL); F mid-BRE; A par-BUR;
 F spa/sc-WES.
 GERMANY(Smith?) NMR. F PRU; A ruh(d,r KIE); A BER; A SIL.
 ITALY(Coughlan) A rom-NAP; F ADR-tri; F TUN-tys; A ven-TYO.
 RUSSIA(Gardner) F bal-SWE; A war-MOS; A fin-STP; F rum-SEV;
 A vie-BOH; A bud-VIE.
 TURKEY(Pater) A smy-ARM; A TRI \$ rus A vie-tyo(NSO);
 A SER S A tri; F ION-tys; F EAS-ion(S F GRE); A bul-RUM.

FALL and WINTER 1906 are due MARCH 22, 1988. I have no more international standbys, so for now I will not call a standby for Germany. If Malt doesn't come back nest time, I'll come up with someone. Note that Marvin Baker resigned after last results were mailed, so Gary Coughlan takes over for Italy, and Jaap Jacobs has taken over France. My thanks to both replacement players.

press

MOS-LON: No, really, I believe in giving all of my opponents



an extra unit advantage - that way I can't possibly make a fool of myself, right? Right???

CON-A ARM: Come back, you fool! We're not ready to stab him. Yet.

ITALY-TURKEY: Better to lose Tunis than the Tyrrhenian Sea!

PAUL-JAAP: You wouldn't want to help a *seni*te dumb Russki, would you?

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In theory, it should be no work at all to put out a zine with a word processor. Do a little bit each day, have everything done ahead of time, then on deadline day, just put it together and mail it out.

I've never been organized enough to do things that way. Invariably I put it all off until the last minute, and end up starting from scratch. Throw in a couple of glitches, like a ski trip for the long King day weekend and a nasty case of the flu, and we end up with another week long turnover like this one.

Thanks for being patient. Give me another month or two, and I should be able to get back into the swing of things. The United Hockey results will come out on flyer in a few days, so you all get a cheap three page issue.

You know you've been around awhile when what was old becomes new again. I'm pleased to pass on word that a couple of good old zines have come back and are looking for subbers. And just like BIG HITS, they are both small and comfy zines.

Jim Meinel's THE PRINCE was known for fast well run games. He's been back a few months now, and has a game open. He fills in the space between the game results with stuff about Alaska and what it is really like to be an accountant, so you can learn something too. \$5/10 issues, no game fee (I think). Jim Meinel, PO Box 240003, Anchorage AK 99524.

BENZENE was known for, well, you had to see it to know it. Mark Lew has gone south from Alaska to California, and after being missing for several months, has shown up again. No games here, just witty commentary on Dip, politics, football and life from one of the smartest people in the hobby. 60 cents. Mark Lew, 438 Vernon #103, Oakland CA 94610.

Every zine and its brother these past few weeks has been spouting off about the Bad Boys, otherwise known as Tinker, Evers and Chance. No? Is it Tom, Dick and Harry? Oh yeah, Geryk, Clark and Zarse. Some stuff about a Reality Check and a blunt final issue of BLUNT INSTRUMENTS. I should have some sage and wise advice about the whole thing, but I'm such a hobby has-been they didn't even send me the Reality Check or the infamous final issue. Sorry folks, I'm in the dark about

it. If you don't know anything about the Bad Boys, don't look at me, I don't either.

The down side of being a hobby has-been (ooh, that has a nice ring to it) is that I miss out on a lot of good zines. Like all these new zines from Canada. No one sends them to me, and I even ask nicely for samples. Send a sample of my own, even. I swear, I've asked 3 times for a sample of PRAX-1S, and have not heard a word. Is it my breath?

The final decision has been made. We will not be moving to Arizona. We bought a set of cross-country skis to finalize our decision. They have no use in Phoenix.

I had hoped to announce this issue that I would be attending WorldCon in England this summer. Frauke and I are overdue for a trip to Germany (it's been over 2 years), and 4 weeks in July looked like a very good bet. But now we are not so sure she can pull the time off during the summer. Our other option is Christmas; we'd could only take 3 weeks, but it would all be paid vacation for Frauke. She'd have to take 2 unpaid weeks in July. We do need a vacation badly. Last year was all spent on her parents' visit here, and the year before that on Frauke's knee surgery. We will have to decide soon, the good deal for summer flights expire at the end of February. Speaking of Frauke's family, her brother Olaf finished his Diplom in Economics at Kiel in December, and has now entered the wonderful world of the job market.

Funny how one country's trash is another country's treasure. I'm wondered in print why glitzy TV soaps like Dallas and Dynasty are popular in Europe. And now a glitzy British soap has invaded America, and I like it. It's EastEnders being broadcast nightly on PBS. It's more like Hill Street Blues than any American soap, with its gritty view of a working class neighborhood in London. If a TV show is half truth and half lies, then at least I'm learning a little bit by watching it. But every night at 10? I'll never get to see the 10 o'clock news.

So, are you all set for the Minnesota caucuses on February 23. Here we are, third in line behind Iowa and New Hampshire, and the political rhetoric here is running at a fever pitch, right? Well, no. The caucuses aren't for another month, and they are already a flop. The date violates the rules of the national Democratic party, and Minnesota may have no delegates at the national convention. (The date had been late February for many years, but was moved to March in 1984. The national party objects to anything before Super Tuesday.) No candidate in either party has a strong organization here. And frankly, DFLers in this state are not used to having to choose a candidate, since after all this will be only the second time in 25 years that a Minnesotan will not be on the Democratic ticket. There has been no media coverage at all, though it might be busy the week between New Hampshire and Minnesota. But even then, the real battle will be in the South. Just for the record, Dole and Kemp will divide the IRs, and the DFL will go for Simon and Dukakis with Jackson showing surprising strength. And that is all for this very short issue.

